

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 226

By Hale

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ben Malone on his selection as the 2022–2023 Smith County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ben Malone is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malone has been selected as the 2022–2023 Smith County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ben Malone began his teaching career at Union Heights Elementary School shortly after earning his bachelor's degree in history from Middle Tennessee State University. During his ten years teaching at the school, he taught in the fifth through eighth grades as needed, teaching science, social studies, and occasionally math; and

WHEREAS, he also participated in several collaborative projects with fellow educators at the school and across the district, including History Day and the STEM Mobile, and he worked with the after-school program to provide science enrichment for students; and

WHEREAS, shortly before moving to Forks River Elementary School to continue his teaching career, Mr. Malone earned his master's degree in educational leadership from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his teaching responsibilities, he also participates in the before-school program and is a co-sponsor of the Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malone is currently completing his second year teaching at Forks River Elementary School, and he is looking forward to his two sons, Jackson and Luke, joining him there as students; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ben Malone serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malone truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ben Malone on being chosen as the 2022–2023 Smith County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.